

There is currently no copy protection on broadcast television signals. This system has worked and worked well. Why should the government (and hence the tax payers) mandate regulations which only stand to make things more difficult for us (the tax payers). If the television companies are worried about lost revenue they can become subscription based Like Home Box Office or Pay per view. Then the tax payers (their viewership) can vote with their dollars by either subscribing or not. The HDTV spec has already been set. It should not be changed to fit the whims of corporate giants. The broadcasters concerns (piracy of their content) is baseless. There is no change (other than quality) that will take place when HDTV is the only broadcast standard. The average viewer will not have the skill or patience to remove commercials etc to be able to profit from recording the content. By enabling a copy protect bit, you are eliminating the long standing ability people have had to record and watch content at their leisure. What are the broadcasters willing to give up or more directly give to their viewers (the tax payers) for us to give up the privileges we currently have to record and watch broadcast content when we choose.